Amendments to the Claims:

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1-100. (Cancelled)

101. (New) A method for electronically publishing text-based data, the method comprising:

dividing the text-based data into a plurality of portions of text-based data;

obtaining an amended portion of text-based data that is amended relative to one of the plurality of portions of text-based data;

storing each of the plurality of portions of text-based data;

storing the amended portion of text-based data;

providing a plurality of attributes, wherein the attributes define a manner in which the plurality of portions of text-based data and the amended portion of text-based data can be organized, displayed and linked;

encoding each of the plurality of portions of text-based data and the amended portion of text-based data with a markup language to include at least one link defined by one of the plurality of attributes;

allowing a user to search the text-based data using at least one of the plurality of attributes; and

displaying the text-based data to the user by:

displaying at least one of the plurality of portions of text-based data or the amended portion of text-based data in response to the search; and

displaying text, and/or one or more selectable links representing at least one additional attribute.

- 102. (New) The method according to claim 101, wherein the searching uses one or more attributes.
- 103. (New) The method according to claim 101, wherein the markup language is Standard Generalised Markup Language (SGML) or eXtensible Markup Language (XML).

- 104. (New) The method according to claim 103, wherein the text-based data is encoded using one or more Document Type Definitions (DTD) or Style Sheet Mechanisms (SSM).
- 105. (New) The method according to claim 101, wherein the at least one link comprises any piece of information additional to the text of the text-based data.
- 106. (New) The method according to claim 105, wherein the at least one link comprises a code or markup that allows departure and destination points to be created between portions of the text-based data.
- 107. (New) The method according to claim 101, wherein said at least one link comprises an identification code for a corresponding portion of text-based data.
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 109. (New) The method according to claim 101, wherein the amended portion of text-based data is amended by performing at least one of the group consisting of adding data to the portion, deleting data from the portion, and modifying data of the portion.
- 109. (New) The method according to claim 101, wherein the text-based data comprises legislation or material related to a provision of said legislation.
- 110. (New) The method according to claim 109, wherein each of the plurality of portions of text-based data is a respective provision of said legislation or material related to a provision of said legislation.
- 111. (New) The method according to claim 110, wherein said provision is a section, schedule or appendix of an Act, or a section, schedule or appendix of a regulation.
- 112. (New) The method according to claim 101, wherein each portion is a block of the text-based data, the block being larger than a single word and less than the entirety of the text-based data.
- 113. (New) A method for electronically searching legislation encoded with a markup language, the method comprising:



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allowing a user to select a version date as a primary attribute and to input at least one search request;

producing results based on the text of the legislation;

displaying the results in a format that is configured to allow the user to select one of the results:

displaying the result as a portion of legislation corresponding to a selected result that corresponds to the primary attribute and the at least one search request;

displaying a link to cases related to the portion of legislation and a link to additional versions of the legislation; and

allowing the user to select the version link or the case link;

wherein, when the user selects the case link or version link, the portion of legislation is replaced with a list of portions of text-based data associated with the case link or the version link, respectively.

- 114. (New) The method of claim 113, wherein the results are produced using one or more attributes.
- 115. (New) The method of claim 113, wherein the portions of text-based data are associated with the cases or other versions by at least one link defined by one or more of a plurality of attributes.
- 116. (New) The method according to claim 113, wherein the markup language is Standard Generalised Markup Language (SGML) or eXtensible Markup Language (XML).
- 117. (New) The method according to claim 116, wherein the text-based data is encoded using one or more Document Type Definitions (DTD) or Style Sheet Mechanisms (SSM).
- 118. (New) The method according to claim 115, wherein the at least one link comprises any piece of information additional to the text of the text-based data.
- 119. (New) The method according to claim 118, wherein the at least one link comprises a code or markup that allows departure and destination points to be created between portions of the text-based data.

- 120. (New) The method according to claim 115, wherein said at least one link comprises an identification code for a corresponding portion of text-based data.
- 121. (New) The method according to claim 115, wherein each of the portions of text-based data is a respective provision of said legislation or material related to a provision of said legislation.
- 122. (New) The method according to claim 121, wherein said provision is a section, schedule or appendix of an Act, or a section, schedule or appendix of a regulation.
- 123. (New) The method according to claim 115, wherein each portion of text-based data is a block of the text-based data, the block being larger than a single word and less than the entirety of the text-based data.
- 124. (New) A method for electronically publishing text-based data, the method comprising: dividing the text-based data into a plurality of portions of text-based data;

obtaining an amended portion of text-based data that is amended relative to one of the plurality of portions of text-based data;

storing each of the plurality of portions of text-based data;

storing the amended portion of text-based data;

providing a plurality of attributes, wherein the attributes define a manner in which the plurality of portions of text-based data and the amended portion of text-based data can be organized, displayed and linked;

encoding each of the plurality of portions of text-based data and the amended portion of text-based data with a markup language to include at least one link defined by one of the plurality of attributes;

allowing a user to search the text-based data using at least one of the plurality of attributes; and

displaying the text-based data to the user by:

displaying at least one of the plurality of portions of text-based data or the amended portion of text-based data in response to the search; and

displaying one or more selectable links;

wherein when the user selects the one or more selectable links, the plurality of portions related to a current portion based on the current portion's attributes are displayed as a graphical representation of a multidimensional space that is configured to allow a user to select and thereby display text-based data represented by a point on the multidimensional space.

- 125. (New) The method according to claim 124, wherein the searching uses one or more attributes.
- 126. (New) The method according to claim 124, wherein the markup language is Standard Generalised Markup Language (SGML) or eXtensible Markup Language (XML).
- 127. (New) The method according to claim 126, wherein the text-based data is encoded using one or more Document Type Definitions (DTD) or Style Sheet Mechanisms (SSM).
- 128. (New) The method according to claim 124, wherein the at least one link comprises any piece of information additional to the text of the text-based data.
- 129. (New) The method according to claim 124, wherein the at least one link comprises a code or markup that allows departure and destination points to be created between portions of the text-based data.
- 130. (New) The method according to claim 124, wherein said at least one link comprises an identification code for a corresponding portion of text-based data.
- 131. (New) The method according to claim 124, wherein the amended portion of text-based data is amended by performing at least one of the group consisting of adding data to the portion, deleting data from the portion, and modifying data of the portion.
- 132. (New) The method according to claim 131, wherein the text-based data comprises legislation or material related to said legislation.

- 133. (New) The method according to claim 132, wherein each of the plurality of portions of text-based data is a respective provision of said legislation or material related to a provision of said legislation.
- 134. (New) The method according to claim 133, wherein said provision is a section, schedule or appendix of an Act or a section, schedule or appendix of a regulation.
- 135. (New) The method according to claim 124, wherein each portion is a block of the text-based data, the block being larger than a single word and less than the entirety of the text-based data.
- 136. (New) A method for electronically searching text-based data encoded with a mark-up language, the method comprising:

allowing a user to select a version date as a primary attribute and to input at least one search request;

producing results based on the text of the text-based data;

displaying the results in a format that is configured to allow the user to select one of the results;

displaying the result as a portion of text-based data corresponding to a selected result that corresponds to the at least one attribute and the at least one search request;

allowing a user to select the link;

displaying a link;

whereupon the plurality of portions related to the current portion are displayed as a graphical representation of a multidimensional space; and

allowing the user to select and thereby display text-based data represented by a point on the multidimensional space.

wherein each point on the multidimensional space is defined by the value of one or more of a plurality of attributes.

137. (New) The method according to claim 136, wherein the results are produced using one or more attributes.

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- 138. (New) The method according to claim 136, wherein the plurality of portions is related to the current portion by at least one link defined by one or more of the plurality of attributes.
- 139. (New) The method according to claim 136, wherein the markup language is Standard Generalised Markup Language (SGML) or eXtensible Markup Language (XML).
- 140. (New) The method according to claim 139, wherein the text-based data is encoded using one or more Document Type Definitions (DTD) or Style Sheet Mechanisms (SSM).
- 141. (New) The method according to claim 138, wherein the at least one link comprises any piece of information additional to the text of the text-based data.
- 142. (New) The method according to claim 141, wherein the at least one link comprises a code or markup that allows departure and destination points to be created between portions of the text-based data.
- 143. (New) The method according to claim 138, wherein said at least one link comprises an identification code for a corresponding portion of text-based data.
- 144. (New) The method according to claim 138, wherein the amended portion of text-based data is amended by performing at least one of the group consisting of adding data to the portion, deleting data from the portion, and modifying data of the portion.
- 145. (New) The method according to claim 138, wherein the text-based data comprises legislation or material related to said legislation.
- 146. (New) The method according to claim 145, wherein each of the plurality of portions of text-based data is a respective provision of said legislation or material related to a provision of said legislation.
- 147. (New) The method according to claim 146, wherein said provision is a section, schedule or appendix of an Act, or a section, schedule or appendix of a regulation.

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148. (New) The method according to claim 138, wherein each portion is a block of the text-based data, the block being larger than a single word and less than the entirety of the text-based data.